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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF EGYPT

IPF:(1992-96) $39 400 000

(EGY/91/020) - People's Assembly Information and Decision Support System

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	9 September 1992
Expected duration:	Three years
Proposed executing agency:	Government
Government implementing agency:	People's Assembly
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$2 000 000 Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$2 000 000

Project background

The dramatic changes underway in Egypt have highlighted the need for the legislative branch of the Government to be able to make effective and timely decisions regarding national policy. To this end, it is critical that the People's Assembly (Parliament) has the capacity to assess diverse and complicated issues and has the capability to gather information/data from a myriad of sources and on a multitude of topics. This capacity does not exist at present; and Parliament members have long found the manual retrieval system extremely cumbersome to have access to, or to trace details of, legislative items and to monitor plans and activities of the executive branch.

In order to facilitate increased democratization within Egypt, this further access must be expanded to opposition parties and to the press which also need greater access to Parliament activities and decision-making. To this end, the Government requested UNDP assistance under the present approval.

[1/] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project formulation framework at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

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Description of project

The development objectives of the project are to: (a) rationalize the legislative process; (b) improve the control and follow-up of development plans and budgets; and (c) enhance the performance of the People's Assembly.

The immediate objective of the project is to create an effective interactive information service and decision support tool to provide Members of the People's Assembly, Speaker of the People's Assembly, Special Parliamentary Standing Committees, political groups, researchers and the press with their information needs.

Inputs

UNDP will provide for international consultancies (20 man-months) in field of design and enquiry, decision-support and scenario-formulation analysis, and national consultancies, (60 man-months) for general design, implementation processes and database integration; a subcontract for system software and software application; general training for Parliament members and their staff as well as basic training to upgrade technical skills on acquired hardware and basic software; and equipment including a communication controller system, AS/400 financial and administrative system, workstations and terminals.

Financial data

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Personnel	400 000
Subcontract	850 000
Training	350 000
Equipment	400 000
Total	2 000 000

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